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STATE CONVENTION HONORS UNION COUNTY DELEGATION

Juan J. Duran, county clerk of Union county will be one of the delegation of twelve prominent democrats of the state to attend the National Democratic Convention in St. Louis. Duran was named a member of the delegation by the State Convention at Albuquerque, Wednesday, and the loyal support he received from the delegation from other counties is a fair suggestion of the popularity of Mr. Duran as well as a recognition of the Democratic strength of Union county.

The State Convention was called to order Wednesday morning by Senator Barth, who made an extended speech upon local and national affairs which was received with ringing cheers.

While it was originally announced that the convention would meet at 10 o'clock in the morning, this hour was later changed to 2 o'clock in the afternoon, and it was more than a half hour later still when State Chairman N. B. Laughlin mounted the platform and called the convention to order. The announcement that Senator Barth had been selected by the central committee for temporary chairman was enthusiastically cheered and the choice of the committee was ratified without opposition.

Mr. Barth's keynote speech was for the most part a review of the record of the present national administration and a warm defense of President Wilson's policies. The only issue in the campaign that is about to begin, he declared, is the republican desire for office. The republican party, he said, is substituting only on the memory of Abraham Lincoln, and is solely a party of opposition—an opposition, he asserted, which in many instances had bordered close on disloyalty to the country and the flag.

The republicans, said Mr. Barth, are a party of plenty and prosperity for the plutocrat and pauperism for the people. He referred to former President Roosevelt as having wielded a big stick in one hand and a fountain pen in the other, and the one, he said was as dangerous to his friends as the other was to his enemies.

Touching on the question of preparedness, Mr. Barth declared that forty years of republican rule had left the country wholly unprepared to defend itself against the most insignificant foe, and he said that their orators are now upbraiding the president for failing to do in three years what the republicans neglected for forty years to do.

The greatest achievement of the entire administration, however, said Mr. Barth, was that the president had kept the country out of war while preserving the national honor. He stated that the matter of electing delegates to the convention which is to renominate Mr. Wilson was a mere formality, "for," he exclaimed, "the people of the United States have already nominated Woodrow Wilson for president."

Closing his address, Mr. Barth paid a high tribute to the administration of Governor McDonald in state affairs, declaring that the governor had been tried in the crucible and had been found to be "pure gold and without alloy."

Perhaps the most remarkable scene ever presented to a political convention in the history of New Mexico was Wednesday afternoon, when, at the conclusion of an exceptionally able speech in which he had aroused his hearers to a high pitch of enthusiasm, Assistant Secretary of the Interior A. A. Jones said:

"I wish, through the delegates to this convention to express my profound gratitude to the people of the various counties of New Mexico for the confidence they have expressed in me in the various resolutions of endorsement of me that they have

adopted. If I can further serve the people of New Mexico, you have only to call on me. I will carry the standard of democracy as far as I am able to do."

With these words Mr. Jones sat down. Immediately, as by an electrical impulse, the crowd of several hundred that thronged the lower floor of the national guard armory broke into a wild tumult of cheering. Hats were thrown in the air and delegates rushed to the platform to grasp Mr. Jones by the hand. As he stood thus, leaning over and smiling at the words of encouragement and support uttered by his friends, practically every man in the audience crowded to the front in an effort to reach the platform.

Carried Around Hall

While the enthusiasm was at its highest point, W. W. Nichols, county chairman of Curry county, and Robert F. Boulware, a delegate from Grant county, both of them husky, able-bodied men, seized Mr. Jones and lifted him on their shoulders, and as the crowd surged around them a march around the hall was started. Immediately the band struck up "Dixie," and a procession around the armory began with Mr. Jones, the conquering hero, carried on the shoulders of his admiring friends.

During all this demonstration F. A. Hubbell, who will very probably be Mr. Jones' republican opponent in the election next fall, sat on a bench in the rear of the armory. Mr. Hubbell smiled pleasantly at the scene that he was witnessing, but made no comment.

Mr. Jones spoke of the new problems of profound gravity which have arisen out of the present war in Europe and of the manner in which the national administration has grappled with these problems. The country is now prosperous he declared—more prosperous than it has ever been before, but many republicans are lamenting the fact that this can be so with a democratic ad-

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Local Delegates Return

Juan Duran, G. C. Smith, Carlos Corney, Corsenia Miera returned from Albuquerque last night (Friday) in Duran's car. The trip was made in two days of easy running, the party leaving Santa Fe early Friday morning and arriving here about nine o'clock.

The remaining delegates stopped over in Santa Fe and are expected in Clayton tonight.

Those that returned state that the Union county delegates were afforded more courtesy at the hands of the convention than any other county delegation and that when Juan J. Duran's name was placed before the convention it was seconded by eight counties and he was elected unanimously.

Will Sell Salano Townsite

Tom Owens, Receiver of the local land office, and J. M. Gibbons, also of the land office, will leave Sunday for Salano, ten miles south of Roy, which townsite they will sell at auction to the highest bidder. Salano is located in the southeast corner of Mora county and is a prosperous little town from all reports. The reason of the sale is the alleged failure of the townsite company to secure clear title to the premises.

Sam Gray Home

Sam Gray, who has been attending school at Roswell, returned to his home in this city the first of the week. He was accompanied home by Cleworth Glasco, a school mate, who will spend several days here before going on to his home in Grand Junction, Colorado.

New Druggist Arrives

W. R. Owens, an experienced druggist and stationery salesman, arrived in Clayton the latter part of the week, to accept a position with Rose's Pharmacy. Mr. Owens comes from Kansas City, where he has been employed by some of the larger drug stores.

REPUBLIC TRUCK PURCHASED

Fire Boys Decide Republic Is One Wanted And Mail Check For Its Purchase

The members of the Clayton Fire Department, after hearing the advantages of the Jeffrey and Republic chemical trucks fully explained by representatives of the two companies decided in favor of the Republic, and Morgan Harvey signed the contract and mailed the check that will bring the truck here with all possible dispatch, Wednesday. The truck will cost practically fifteen hundred dollars laid down in Clayton and will arrive about the middle of July. Until a more suitable place is prepared for its housing the truck will be kept in readiness to answer fire alarms at the Clayton Garage, across from the Postoffice, being centrally located and the most convenient place to be secured.

Are You One Of The Lucky Twenty-First

One person out of every twenty-one in Union county is the owner of an automobile or Ford. That is not one person out of every twenty-one grown persons, but one out of every twenty-one men, women and children.

There have been two hundred and fifty-four licenses granted auto owners in this county for the year 1916, according to a report received from the Secretary of State, 247 of which were individual licenses, three dealers licenses and four motor cycle licenses.

Union county is seventeenth in population in the state. Sixteen counties boast of a larger population than Union but only seven of them can boast of a higher number of auto licenses. Union county ranks eighth in area and eighth in number of automobiles in use.

The population of the county is eleven thousand four hundred and four, according to a census made by the Gazette Publishing Company, and has an area of five thousand three hundred and seventy acres.

The figures given apply only to licenses granted. It is understood there are some ten or twelve applications for licenses already made or to be made since the figures quoted were received from the Secretary of State.

GLADSTONE DOCTOR KILLS TWO

Raton, N. M.—Fred and Paul Woolfolk, brothers, living on a homestead 42 miles south of this city near Gladstone, were shot and instantly killed shortly after 7 o'clock last night by Dr. C. R. Criles, who occupies an adjoining homestead. The shooting was the result of a quarrel which it is said grew out of charges made by Criles that the Woolfolks had been paying attention to the former's wife.

Going to the Woolfolk place Criles is said to have told the two men he had a "score to settle" and used a Winchester rifle. Three shots were fired, two of which inflicted fatal wounds. Criles immediately left the ranch, saying he was going to Raton to give himself up, but failed to put in an appearance and deputy sheriffs of Colfax county apprehended him a few miles from the scene of the crime.

R. W. Miller was in from Sedan, Thursday.

D. L. Morton, of near David, was in Clayton the latter part of the week.

TRINIDAD EAGLES COMING TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY

Champions of Southern Colorado Will Play Two Games With Local Team

Manager George of the Clayton team has arranged for two games with the Trinidad Eagles, the fast-

est team in Southern Colorado, to be played on the local diamond Decoration Day, next Tuesday, and the Wednesday following.

These two games will be real ball games as the local team is in excellent form from a series of victories in their home country.

Morton and Hatchett will be the battery the first game and it is probable Bill Lynch will be on the mound the second game.

Lose By Close Score

The local team fought every inning of a good game last Sunday but were defeated by the Dalhart semi-pro team. The score stood 4 to 2 at the end of the game.

Dalhart got off on the right foot in the second inning, scoring one run, but Morton held them down in the third. Two runs in the fourth and one in the ninth made the total.

Lynch, pitching for the visitors held his former team mates to a few scattered hits until the seventh and eighth innings. Good support of the pitcher prevented the local boys from scoring in the seventh but they found Lynch's grove and a weak place in the infield in the eighth and stacked up two runs.

The game was one of the best and cleanest ever played on the local grounds and a large crowd will accompany the local team to Dalhart tomorrow to root them a victory if possible.

Some fourteen cars have already been engaged by the local fans and there will be probably as many others decide to go Sunday morning.

Lory Boggs Hears From Seaton

Lorian Boggs, linotype operator at the Citizen office, is in receipt of a letter from Earnest Thompson Seaton, the writer who found local color and inspiration for his many western stories in and about Clayton several years ago.

The letter is to thank Boggs for sending him a copy to the News of several months back which contained the story of the killing of a Lobo wolf in Colfax county.

Will Visit Grandparents

Little Adrienne Johnson will spend the summer with her grandparents in Roswell, for which place she left the fore part of the week. She was accompanied to Amarillo by her father, Morris Johnson and J. D. Eubanks, making the trip that far in the new Mitchell car.

Visited Friends

Mrs. John B. Simmonds, who is now a resident of Colorado, having taken up a claim in the Trinchera district, visited friends in Clayton the latter part of last week. She left for Trinchera, Colo., Sunday evening, joined by her daughter Bessie who was on the train.

Covering Up The Rocks

Workmen are busy covering the rocks on the extension of Main Street, directly east of the Court House. Dirt is being hauled in to cover this rocky stretch of street which is a dread to autoists, and the street will be graded and drained.

COUNTY AGRICULTURIST TO ARRIVE ABOUT JUNE 3RD

Orron Beatty, County Agent, or County Demonstrator, for Union county, will arrive in Clayton June third, according to word received here the first of the week.

Mr. Beatty will arrive in Raton, from Oregon, the first of the month and will spend two days there with County Agent Martineau, getting a line on the work of the State Extension Department in this state.

Mr. A. C. Cooley, Director of the State Extension work is unable to accompany Beatty to Clayton at this time but will be here some few days in the very near future.

The new Union county agent is a graduate of the Oregon Agricultural College where he was assistant superintendent of one of the Dry Farm stations of the college, for four years, and since leaving the school has been manager of a 6000 acre grain and stock farm and engaged to a considerable extent in County Agent work in his own state.

Mr. Cooley recommends Mr. Beatty highly and states in his letter that he is sorry the Union County Agent could not be in the field at an earlier date, but the contracts for the services of the agent were late in reaching him.

Indians Clean Up On Dalhart

The Dalhart road was hot with Clayton cars during the first three days of the week, carrying Clayton fans to Dalhart for the Dalhart-Indian series of three games. According to reports the Indians sort of 'played boss' with the Dalhart team, capturing two of the three games by very one-sided scores. The trip, says the fans, was, however, worth the money as they saw several instances of real ball playing.

Alamosa Lady Here

Mrs. Grosshaer, of Alamosa, Colorado, spent several days the latter part of last and the first of this week, as the guest of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Walling. She returned to her home in the Colorado city Tuesday evening.

Will Make Home In Trinidad

Mrs. Edgar Sherman, wife of the Newsman, and three sons, expect to leave Saturday evening for Trinidad, where they will make their home in the future.

Mrs. McDonald Ill

Mrs. A. J. McDonald, who recently underwent an operation at the Minnie Hospital, at Pueblo, is reported very ill.

Ed Chilton Home

Ed Chilton, son of Dr. Chilton, returned to Clayton the latter part of last week after an absence of five years, which he spent in California, attending school.

Rosebud Party Visits Here

Mr. and Mrs. Nechttrieb, Miss Ruby Grossaint and Hayes and Warner Roberts, motored to Clayton from Rosebud the latter part of the week and spent a day or two here shopping and visiting.

DEMOCRATS ACCOMPLISH MORE IN 4 YEARS THAN REPUBLICANS DID IN 40, SAYS FORMER REPUBLICAN CABINET OFFICER

(From the Indianapolis News, April 26, 1916.)

Hon. Leslie M. Shaw, former Secretary of the Treasury, says: "I have no hesitancy in admitting grave doubt whether the Republican Party can, even if it should try, and also whether it ought to try to defeat the party now in power upon an issue of exorciation because it has failed to accomplish in four years what we failed to do in forty years. If we have a small and inadequate army and navy, the Republican Party is 80 per cent responsible for its inefficiency, for the Republican Party has been in power 80 per cent of the last half century. If our coast defenses are silly, I submit it does not lie in the mouth of the Republican Party to say much about it. Let the next administration be a business administration, and while preparing for peace let it also do what we all agree should be done—prepare for eventualities that may ensue."